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Winchell broadcast re Guatemalan provocation attempt

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We are forwarding herewith a transcript of subject broadcast, mentioned in paragraph 7, reference. Since this broadcast was heard by millions of people, you are entirely free to give it whatever distribution you may consider appropriate. The only question is whether you might not want to suggest to your contacts to use the gist of the story (planned "discovery of American arsenals", presumably on UNCO property) without giving the source -- not for the sake of security, but so that they don't get blamed too much for printing "Yankee stories".

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Full text of a radio broadcast by the noted commentator and newspaper columnist,  
Walter Winchell on 23 May

\* Attention Jim Haggerty of the White House. Moscow Intelligence is helping  
the Red Guatemalan Government to stage a frameup on our Embassy there and all American  
Companies  
countries in C.A. They will charge that they discovered American arsenals in Guatemala.  
The reason is that they got Russian Arms. This is to debunk such bunk before it breaks.  
Mr. and Mrs. US., long before the coffee shortage story broke, constant listeners know  
how long this reporter sounded warnings about Red Guatemala. As usual Moscow played  
it both ways this week. If we stop these red gangsters in Guatemala Moscow will again  
scream Yankee imperialism. If we do not stop them, they will consolidate their strongholds  
in the Latin Americas. Latin American Nations backed up our President in recent Rio  
declarations, though no one foresaw that Russia would call for a showdown so early.  
If the allies south of us stand by their pledge to our President, that will take care  
of our back yard. If not, the Americas will be diplomatically surrounded globally and split  
militarily in this hemisphere. Your front pages this week flashed word that Guatemala  
is importing Russian arms. What <sup>the</sup> story failed to tell you is what some of us know: that  
Guatemala not only imports Russian arms but exports them and has been doing so for the  
last two years. To isolationists who insisted that the Americas could never be invaded,  
and to Mr. Harry S. Truman who blindly argued that a few communists are not important.  
Ladies and Gentlemen, Guatemala's almost three million population has been taken over by  
only 1200 reds, giving Russia a beachhead only 725 air miles from the Panama Canal.  
See what I mean?"